

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for packaging a multi-component bedding assembly, comprising:
wrapping a plurality of bedding components including a mattress or
futon in a bag having an open first end and a second end;
drawing a vacuum at the first end of the bag to remove a portion of
air from the bag;
pushing the bedding components toward the first end of the bag by
applying a force at the second end of the bag, and
sealing the open first end to form a packaged bedding assembly.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the pushing force is applied intermittently.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the pushing force is applied by a ram at a
force of 1 to 1000 lbs.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the vacuum is drawn at a pressure of from
20 to 30 in. Hg.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the second end of the bag is closed.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising wrapping one or more bands
around the bag after the open first end has been sealed.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising inserting the packaged bedding
assembly into a woven polyethylene supporting sleeve.
8. The method of claim 7, further comprising marking a cutting zone on the
woven sleeve.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising applying one or more bands around the woven sleeve.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising inserting the packaged bedding assembly wrapped with the woven polyethylene sleeve into a shipping carton.

5 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the bedding components comprise a foam mattress, a mattress topper and a pillow.

12. A packaged bedding assembly made according to the method of claim 1.

13. A packaged bedding assembly made according to the method of claim 9.